

#### Committee Members

I have been a member of a local offroad motorized recreation group here in Helena for a couple of years. I joined this group because I have seen our offroad recreation opportunities deminishing. (see table)

Through various travel plans, management plans, and wilderness study areas, the ability to access our forests has dropped greatly.

When the Forest Service implements a travel plan for a particular area they are required to allow a public comment period, but are under no obligation to negotiate any alteration of the plan based on public input. Effectd offroad enthusiasts views are often ignored.

As a constituent, I would have a greater chance of my voice being heard by the local goverment. If the federal agency was required to coordinate with local government, the people effected the most by the decision would have more input on any proposed changes. SB 117 does this.

Under SB 117, if a federal agency proposes a plan or policy more restrictive than the plan of the county, the fedreal agency would be required to go to the negotiating table on an equal footing with the local goverment.

Please help to restore local control of our public lands, vote yes on SB 117.

Thank you,

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Table of Cumulative Effects on Motorized Recreationists					
Action	Acres Affected	Miles before	Miles after	Miles closed	% closed
Sleeping Giant BLM	7,900	29.0	21.6	7.4	25.52%
Elkhorn Management plan	300,000			75*	50%*
Clancy-Unionville TP	33,000	136.0	108.0	28.0	20.59%
North Belts TP	250,000	370.4	164.9	205.5	55.48%
South Belts TP	83,000	173.6	140.2	34.0	19.59%
Beaverhead-Deerlodge FP	3,364,000				
Roads				104.0	
Motorized trails**		1,237.0	1,037.0	200.0	16.17%
Gallatin NF TP	1,807,000				
4x4 Roads		417.0	347.0	70.0	16.79%
ATV and motorcycle trails***		680.0	145.0	535.0	78.68%
Little Belt, Castle, and Crazy TP	1,050,000				
Roads		1,546.7	740.3	806.4	52.14%
ATV trails***		226.0	208.0	18.0	7.96%
Motorcycle trails		658.0	443.0	215.0	32.67%
Rocky Mountain Front TP	391,700				
Motorized Trails		209.0	74.0	135.0	64.59%
Badger-Two Medicine TP	130,000	**			
Dillon RMP BLM	901,000	2,102.0	1,342.0	760.0	36.16%
Butte RMP BLM	307,300	629.3	416.9	212.4	33.75%
Helena area		52.2	9.8	42.5	81.42%
Blackfoot TP	376,000	**			
Divide TP	155,000	**			
Custer NF Beartooth TP	580,000				
Roads		225.0	210.0	15.0	6.67%
Motorized trails		341.0	267.0	74.0	21.70%
Custer NF Ashland TP	437,000	**			
Custer NF Sioux TP	436,000	**			
Bitterroot NF TP	1,589,000	**			
Upper Missouri River Breaks RMP	378,000	592.0	404.0	188.0	31.76%
Whitetail-Pipestone TP	185,700	679.0	406.0	273.0	40.21%
Bruce Creek to Napa Point TP	141,990	60.0	40.0	20.0	33.33%
Owyhee Front Travel Plan BLM	484,873	834.0	398.0	436.0	52.28%
Salmon Challis NF Travel Plan	4,359,000				
Motorized trails		1,110.0	838.0	272.0	24.50%
Tellico OHV area	6,000	39.5	24.0	15.5	39.24%
Moab RMP BLM	1,822,562	6,199.0	3,693.0	2,506.0	40.43%
Monticello RMP BLM	1,800,000	3,069.0	2,820.0	249.0	8.11%
Richfield RMP BLM	2,100,000	4,315.0	3,739.0	576.0	13.35%
Grizzly Bear management plan	5,893,000				25%*
Big Snowy Mountains TP*	150,000			100*	50%*
Targhee NF TP	1,789,000				
KIPZ Forest Plan	5,513,000	**			
Lolo Forest Plan	2,083,000	**			
WMPZ Forest Plan	6,043,000	**			
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>44,947,025</b>	<b>25,929.7</b>	<b>18,036.7</b>	<b>7,997.7</b>	<b>30.84%</b>
<b>Other Significant Measures of Closed Motorized Opportunities</b>					
Yellowstone NP snow machines****		1400	318	1082	77.29%
National Forest Cross Country opportunity (acres)	192,300,000	192,300,000	0	192,300,000	100%
BLM Cross Country opportunity (acres)	258,000,000	258,000,000	100,000*	257,900,000	99.40%

**Notes:**

\* estimated impact

\*\* underway with expected significant impact  
additional impact associated with significant loss of quality trails and substitution

\*\*\* with roads

\*\*\*\* number of snow machines

Source: CTVA tabulation